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LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter dated 15 February 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to you and issued as document S/1995/141, dated 15 February 1995, I should like to make the following observations:

1. While Kuwait categorically rejects the Iraqi accusation, it wishes to affirm that Iraqi officials are seeking, as they always do, to place on others the responsibility for the popular rejection of and dissatisfaction with the practices and policies of the Iraqi Government against the Iraqi people, whether they be States or even international organizations of the United Nations, in an attempt to avert all eyes from the true causes behind the angry popular reaction mounting inside Iraq as a result of those practices. The record of similar Iraqi accusations is the best witness of that.

2. Kuwait's policy towards its neighbours and other States is constant, clear and well known. It refrains from intervention in the internal affairs of others, to the same degree that it is anxious to prevent intervention in its own internal affairs. Kuwait's respect for and commitment to the principles of international law and good-neighbourliness require no affirmation or demonstration. Iraqi officials are the last people who should talk about respect for the principles of international law and Security Council resolutions, since the whole region is still suffering the effects resulting from the aggressive action of the Iraqi regime, its occupation of the State of Kuwait and its ongoing threat to the security of the States of the region.

3. The visit to Kuwait by His Eminence Mr. Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim, head of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, and his meetings with senior officials there, which was announced in advance in the press and other media, stemmed from Kuwait's concern to dispel the suffering of the Iraqi people who were forced by Iraqi policy to emigrate to some of the neighbouring States. Kuwait's motives in this are purely humanitarian motives and reflect its keen desire to provide assistance in the supply of foodstuffs and medicines to those of the Iraqi people who are suffering deprivation. He was also given an opportunity to establish contacts with concerned humanitarian organizations.

4. The Iraqi accusation reflects the aggressive way in which Iraq views Kuwait and makes clear the extent to which Iraqi officials flout the principle of peaceful intentions in their dealings with Kuwait or neighbouring States, which constitutes a threat to the peace and security of the region as a whole.

Kuwait is confident that all friendly States are aware of the truth regarding Iraq's behaviour and accusations. They also know the extent of Kuwait's respect for the principles of international law and good-neighbourliness and the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States. Consequently, I affirm to you that Kuwait continues to respect these principles, on the basis of its legal responsibilities and its desire to achieve security and stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the notice of the members of the Security Council and have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASSAN
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